

## Bureau of Land Management, Interior

## § 3514.11

pay rental and minimum annual production royalties starting with the first day of the next lease month after the suspension becomes effective. However, if the suspension is effective on the first day of the lease month, you may stop paying rentals and royalties that same day.

### **§ 3513.22 How do I apply for a suspension of operations and production (conservation concerns)?**

Send us two copies of an application that explains why it is in the interest of conservation to suspend your operations and production.

### **§ 3513.23 May BLM order a suspension of operations and production (conservation concerns)?**

Yes, BLM may order a suspension of operations and production.

### **§ 3513.25 When will my suspension of operations and production (conservation concerns) take effect?**

Your suspension takes effect on the date BLM specifies.

### **§ 3513.26 When and how does my suspension of operations and production (conservation concerns) expire or terminate?**

Your suspension ends on the expiration date that BLM specifies in the decision or order approving the suspension, or on the first day of the lease month in which you resume operations or production, whichever occurs first. All lease terms and obligations resume on this date. MMS will allow credit towards future rentals or royalties due, if you paid rent for the period of suspension of operations and production.

#### **SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS (ECONOMIC CONCERNS)**

### **§ 3513.30 What is a suspension of operations (economic concerns)?**

A suspension of operations (economic concerns) is an action by which BLM may approve your request to suspend operations on your lease when marketing conditions are such that you cannot operate your leases except at a loss. BLM may not order a suspension of operations (economic concerns) unless you request it.

### **§ 3513.31 What is the effect of a suspension of operations (economic concerns)?**

This suspension does not affect the term of the lease or the annual rental payment. BLM will reduce the minimum annual production requirements of your lease in proportion to that part of the lease year for which a suspension of operations is effective.

### **§ 3513.32 How do I apply for a suspension of operations (economic concerns)?**

Send us two copies of your application which shows why your lease cannot be operated except at a loss.

### **§ 3513.33 When will my suspension of operations (economic concerns) take effect?**

Your suspension will be effective on the date BLM specifies. You do not have to pay royalty on minimum annual production beginning on the first day of the next lease month after the suspension becomes effective. If the effective date is the first of the month, you may stop paying royalty on minimum annual production on that day.

### **§ 3513.34 When and how does my suspension of operations (economic concerns) expire or terminate?**

The suspension of operations (economic concerns) ends on the expiration date that BLM specifies in the decision approving the suspension, or on the first day of the lease month in which you resume operations, whichever occurs first. Your obligation for minimum annual production resumes at this time.

## **Subpart 3514—Lease Relinquishments and Cancellations**

### **RELINQUISHING YOUR LEASE**

### **§ 3514.11 May I relinquish my lease or any part of my lease?**

If you can show, to BLM's satisfaction, that the public interest will not be impaired, you may relinquish your entire lease or any legal subdivision of it. Notify us in writing that you intend to relinquish all or part of your lease. Include your original signature and